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LIVER INSTITUTE, GASTROENTEROLOGY, HEPATOLOGY AND TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

# NEW FRONTIERS IN HEPATOPANCREATOBILIARY SCIENCES



**2026 February 13, 14 & 15**  
**Crowne Plaza, Kochi**

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## Dear Colleagues,

The Centre of Excellence in Gastrointestinal Sciences of Rajagiri Hospital, Aluva, Kochi, Kerala, India under its prestigious LIVER INSTITUTE conducts biennial international conferences, aimed at disseminating knowledge and advances in the field of Gastroenterology and Hepatology and allied sciences. The conferences showcase latest scientific and technological advances happening around the world for the benefits of Indian physicians, academicians and researchers in Gastroenterology and its allied specialties. We bring global leaders and pioneers in focussed fields of interest to interact with the audience. The conference is known as LIGHT UPDATE (Liver Institute, Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Technology Updates). The next conference is slated to be held on 13 th , 14 th and 15 th of February, 2026 at The Crowne Plaza Hotel, Kochi. This time the conference has focus on PANCREAS along with other fields of interventional radiology, surgery and advanced GI Endoscopy. The Dutch Pancreatitis group has graciously accepted our invitation to participate in the 2026 conference. This is the first time this eminent team of researchers in pancreatology will be visiting India. Other eminent speakers from Europe, S.E. Asia and leading Indian faculty will be participating. As Chairman of the conference, it is our pleasant privilege to extend a warm welcome to each and every one interested in Gastrointestinal Sciences to attend the 3-day academic event at Kochi.

**Waiting to welcome you for “LIGHT UPDATE 2026”.**

**Yours sincerely**



**Dr. Philip Augustine**  
( Conference Chairman )



**Dr. Ajit Tharakan**  
( Scientific Chair )



**Dr. Cyriac Abby Philips**  
( Organizing Secretary )



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# CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- Presence of Dutch Pancreatitis Group for the 1st time in India
- Keynote Address by Prof Jeanin van Hooft ( Chair Dutch Pancreatitis Group ) on Management of Pancreatic Cancer
- Discussion on integrated approaches in management of Acute and Chronic Pancreatitis
- Lectures on Pain Management in Acute & Chronic Pancreatitis by Prof Asbjorn Mohr Drewes ( Chair – International Pancreatic Pain Consortium )
- Early Diagnosis of CP – Prof Gabriele Capurso ( Secretary – European Pancreatic Club )
- Management Pancreatic Exocrine Insufficiency by Prof Mathias Lohr ( President UEG )
- Role of Gut Microbiota in Acute Pancreatitis
- Comprehensive cover of Portal Hypertension Management
- Foundation course on HPB Disorders for DM/ DrNB Students

# INTERNATIONAL FACULTY



**Dr. Matthias Lohr**

(President : UEG)

Karolinska Institute Stockholm Sweden



**Dr. Jeanin van Hooft**

(Chair : Dutch Pancreatitis Group)

Leiden University Medical Center Leiden



**Dr. Gabriele Capurso**

(Secretary : European Pancreatic Club)

San Raffaele University, Milan Italy



**Dr. Rogier Voermans**

(Dutch Pancreatitis Group)

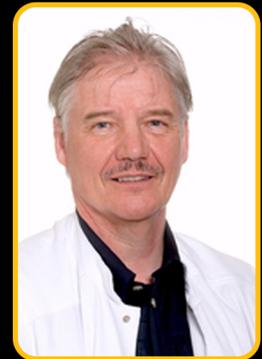
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**Dr. Fons van den Berg**

(Dutch Pancreatitis Group)

Amsterdam UMC Netherlands



**Dr. Asbjorn Mohr Drewes**

(Chair : Danish Pancreas Forum)

Aalborg University Denmark



**Dr. Virginia Hernandez - Gea**

(Chair : VALDIG)

Barcelona Clinic Spain



**Dr. Sundeep Punamiya**

NU Hospital Singapore

# WHO SHOULD ATTEND ?

Gastroenterologists, Hepatologists, GI Surgeons, Liver Transplant Surgeons,  
Interventional Radiologists, Postgraduates.

## REGISTRATION

Registration fee of Rs. 5000/- for delegates and Rs. 2500/- for Postgraduates  
(including Registration, Accommodation, Food, Conference materials)

## CONFERENCE VENUE Crowne Plaza Kochi



## CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT

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